

Public Notice

THE MISSION OF DTSC IS TO PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT FROM HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES BY RESTORING CONTAMINATED RESOURCES, ENFORCING HAZARDOUS WASTE LAWS, REDUCING WASTE GENERATION AND ENCOURAGING THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICALLY SAFER PRODUCTS.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND COMMUNITY MEETING
DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN & NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FORMER PUREGRO COMPANY FACILITY
1025 RIVER ROAD, BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: JANUARY 24, 2018 – FEBRUARY 23, 2018**

WHY THIS NOTICE? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the former PureGro Company facility located at 1025 River Road in Brawley, California, 92227. The former PureGro Company formulated, stored, and distributed agricultural products from 1940s to 2000. At that time, a warehouse, machine shop, storage areas, wash/rinse areas, underground and aboveground storage tanks, and other features were housed on the property. Buildings and other structures were demolished in 2001, and the site is now vacant and fenced. The Draft RAP provides details on environmental studies conducted and the proposed remedy to address contaminated soil and groundwater at the property.

WHAT IS PROPOSED? The Draft RAP proposes an engineered cap with institutional and engineering controls, and groundwater monitoring, as the best overall approach to address contaminated soil and groundwater at the site. Portions of soil stockpiled on the site that meet State and Federal standards for commercial/industrial use will be reused by spreading it over the property to prepare for the engineered cap construction. The cap will be made of a durable liner placed between two protective layers of geotextile fabric then covered with an erosion-resistant layer of sand (or equivalent drainage material) and stone. Groundwater will continue to be monitored and the cap will be inspected regularly to ensure the remedy remains protective. If approved, this approach will protect public health and the environment, have the shortest duration to implement, will require few number of trucks, and the lowest potential for generating dust during construction.

Pursuant to the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**, DTSC proposes a Negative Declaration as the proposed remedial activities will not have a significant effect on human health and the environment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE? The 30-day public comment period for the Draft RAP and Negative Declaration will begin on January 24, 2018 and end on February 23, 2018. Written comments must be sent by mail or email **no later than February 23, 2018** to: Rania Zabaneh, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress CA 90630-4732 or e-mail: Rania.Zabaneh@dtsc.ca.gov.

COMMUNITY MEETING: DTSC will host a Community Engagement Meeting at the Rio Del Rio Branch Library Community Room, 1501 "I" Street, Brawley, CA on February 8, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to provide information about the Draft RAP and accept public comments. If you require reasonable accommodation at this meeting, please contact Phil McPhaul, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5488, or via e-mail: Philip.McPhaul@dtsc.ca.gov by January 30, 2018.

WHERE TO FIND PROJECT DOCUMENTS: The Draft RAP and supporting key documents are available at the Brawley Public Library located at 400 Main Street #1, Brawley, CA 92227 (760-344-1891) and at the DTSC Regional Records Office located at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732; call Jone Bario (714-484-5336) for an appointment. Documents are also available at: https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=13070097

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